

Babe Ruth, in First Practice, Bats Out Eleven "Home Runs" Rapp Reports to Giants

King of Outers Drives Ball Over Fence 424 Feet From Plate

Bambino's Wallops Scale All Barriers in Morning Practice Session, but He Fails to Put One "Over the Wall" During Six-Inning Game

By R. J. Kelly
SHREVEPORT, La., March 7.—The batting eye of the great "Babe" Ruth has not dimmed since the close of last season. At least one would not think so after watching him in action to-day. The Bambino was on hand at the ball park bright and early this morning, and during the batting practice smashed no less than ten balls right out of the lot. A few went over the left field fence, one scaled the center field barrier, while the majority of them topped the right field wall.

Each was more or less of a prodigious wallop, but the one that sailed over the center field fence was the most terrific clout of all. The distance from the home plate to the furthest point in center field is several inches more than 424 feet, and the fence at this particular point is at least twenty feet high. The ball cleared the fence by more than five feet and landed a distance outside the park.

Thus did the Bambino start his preparations for the coming season, during which he hopes to surpass his own world record of fifty-four home runs made last year.

During the short batting session which preceded the practice game in the afternoon, the "Babe" dropped another one over the right field bulwark, increasing his total for the day to eleven "home runs." He also slammed a sizzling line drive off the center field fence, which just missed going over by inches.

Ruth remained on the field during the entire two-hour session this morning, and covered first base in the infield practice. He limped slightly, due to his injured ankle, but refused to quit until Manager Huggins sent the entire squad to the clubhouse.

In the six-inning practice contest between the "Rupperts" and the "Hustons," which the former won, 19 to 9, for the third successive victory, Ruth played first base for the victors and came to bat five times. In his first trip to the plate, Southpaw Leppard gave him a base on balls and in the third inning he went out on a grounder to first baseman Hawkins. In the fourth inning Babe bounced the ball off the center field fence. The clout was easily good for three bases but he pulled up and did not attempt to run.

In the fifth inning Ruth went out on a grounder to Hoffman, but in the sixth he forced Munson to go all the way back to the right field fence to pull down a potential two-bagger.

When Ruth retired to the clubhouse after the game he was perspiring freely, and it is evident that he is determined to rid himself of his excess weight and to get down to playing condition before the regular season opens. Babe says he weighs no more than he did a year ago, and he experienced no difficulty in reducing in time for the opening of the last campaign.

Ruth's Right Ankle Weak
Because of the fact that Ruth is suffering from a slight strain in his right ankle, Miller Ruggins refused to allow the Babe to take any chances, and when the Bambino got on the bases in the practice game, the manager sent him in to bat for the first time to run for the Home-Run King.

Alex Ferguson, formerly of the Jersey City club, Jess Doyle, of Green Bay, and Cliff, of Rochester, were the trio of pitchers who were on the mound this morning while the Babe was getting range of the fence. It was Doyle who pitched the longest day of the day over the center field fence.

Carl Mays, the underhand ball pitcher.

Champion Layton Trailing Cannefax In Billiard Match

Robert Cannefax, the former three-cushion billiard champion, defeated John Layton, the present title-holder, in the first two racks of a 720-point match, which started yesterday afternoon at Kline's Billiard Academy. Cannefax won the afternoon session, 60 to 47, and the evening block, 120 to 46, making the total score, 180 to 93. Cannefax also led in high runs, registering a high mark of 8 and two of 7 in the evening game.

Both men started out at a fast clip in the afternoon, each gathering 25 points in the first twenty-one innings, but the winner went to the front soon after and, although he was headed several times, he always came through in a pinch.

It was Cannefax's daring play that won for him in both games. He took all kinds of chances, and as a result, he made some remarkable shots. The former title-holder was particularly brilliant in the closing innings of the second block, when he made a number of extremely fine shots, including a bank shot, a heel shot, and a left hand shot, and usually when he missed he left the balls in such a position that Layton could do nothing with them.

The score at the end of each tenth inning:

Afternoon Game	Cannefax	Layton
10	21	25
20	46	50
30	60	65
40	75	80
50	90	95
60	105	110
70	120	125
80	135	140
90	150	155
100	165	170
110	180	185
120	195	200

Vaughn Defeats Lew In Billiard Tourney

CHICAGO, March 7.—C. A. Vaughn, of Chicago, defeated W. H. Lew, of Rockford, Ill., in the first game of the national amateur pool billiard tournament to-day, 125 to 123. The game was hotly contested throughout, with Lew leading a long lead for the first half of the game, which he carried over into the second half. Vaughn's high run was 25 and Lew's 20.

In the second game Harry Daw, of Danville, Va., defeated Gus Gardner, of New York, 125 to 43, in twenty-seven innings. Daw had a high run of 26.

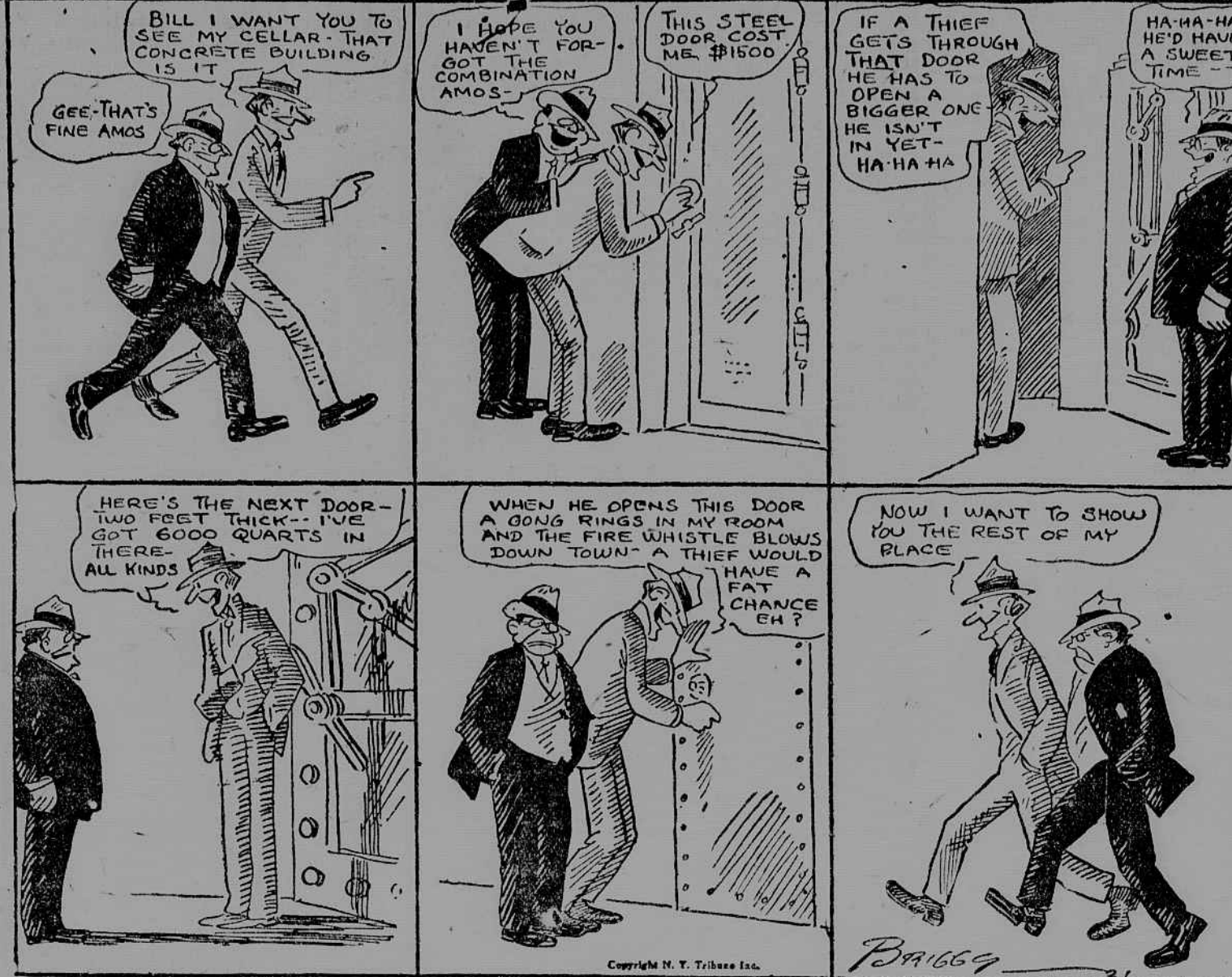
New York Boxers Defeated
PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Danny Kramer, Philadelphia, knocked out Willie Spencer, also of Philadelphia, in the first round here to-night. Spencer substituted for Frankie Daley, of New York. Frankie Rice, Baltimore, defeated Frankie Brown, New York, in an eight-round match, while Ben Taylor, England, defeated Bobby Lyons, New York, in six rounds.

Walker to Box Hyland
At the City Athletic Club, 50 West Fifty-fourth Street, next Thursday evening Archie Walker, Pastime A. C., New York State champion, will meet Frankie Hyland, Pastime A. C., in a special bout. The fight will take place on Second Street, Y. M. H. A., metropolitan second street, will meet George Daly, Greece Club, in another exhibition bout.

Tigers Out on Water
PRINCETON, N. J., March 7.—Princeton's crews went out on the water for the first time this season. Eight shells, four varsity and four freshmen, took a five-mile row for conditioning work. Seven letter men were in the squad.

Schaefer to Play in Brooklyn
Jake Schaefer and Albert Cutler will meet in a 1,200-point match at the 182 billiards at the Rational Recreation Academy, Brooklyn. Games of 400 points will be played to-night, to-morrow and Thursday nights.

Oh, Man!



Judge Landis Rules Against Little Rock And Sets Precedent

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\$2 Bet Pays \$352 As Waking Dream Comes in Second

HAVANA, March 7.—The colors of W. R. Coe were carried to victory when Squaw Chief was returned an easy winner in the first race at Oriental Park to-day. The filly was an even money favorite. She rushed into a long lead and won in a gallop, running the four furlongs in 0:43.35.

Waking Dream, which finished second in the place mutuel pool the sum of \$352.19 for a \$2 ticket and \$37.90 to show, was a 2 to 1 favorite. She made the early pace, but tired badly in the last sixteenth. Presumption closed fast and won by three-quarters of a length. Three favorites won.

The results: First race (purse \$700; two-year-olds; claiming; four furlongs)—Squaw Chief, 108 (Wilson), even, 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Waking Dream, 112 (Honey), 2 to 1 and even, second; Presumption, 113 (Kell), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 0:43.35. Second race (purse \$700; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; six furlongs)—Carnegie, 108 (Wilson), 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Waking Dream, 103 (Honey), 2 to 1 and even, second; Presumption, 113 (Kell), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:04.25. Third race (purse \$700; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; six furlongs)—Carnegie, 108 (Wilson), 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Waking Dream, 103 (Honey), 2 to 1 and even, second; Presumption, 113 (Kell), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:04.25. Fourth race (purse \$700; four-year-olds and upward; claiming; one mile and a half)—Carnegie, 108 (Wilson), 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Waking Dream, 103 (Honey), 2 to 1 and even, second; Presumption, 113 (Kell), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.10. Fifth race (purse \$700; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; one mile and a half)—Carnegie, 108 (Wilson), 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Waking Dream, 103 (Honey), 2 to 1 and even, second; Presumption, 113 (Kell), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.10. Sixth race (purse \$700; three-year-olds and upward; claiming; one mile and a half)—Carnegie, 108 (Wilson), 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Waking Dream, 103 (Honey), 2 to 1 and even, second; Presumption, 113 (Kell), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.10.

Betts Bill Bars Hunting Licenses To Resident Aliens

Certain amendments which have been agreed to by committees representing farmers and sportsmen should make the Betts bill for the protection of game and fish in New York State an ideal one.

Licenses could be obtained only in the district where applicants reside. Applicants would be required to produce a certificate of character from two reputable citizens of his district. Licenses would not be granted to resident aliens; they would be granted to non-resident aliens in order to assure tranquility with Canada and to keep the Dominion game and fish fields open to sportsmen of the United States.

Notices once posted on lands would be good for one year, and during subsequent years postings in July, August or September would be legal for a further year. On enclosed or agricultural land that was posted no one could take fish or game or trespass with rod, gun or kindred implement.

The penalties for trespass would be made much more severe than at present. The proposed amendment would fix a flat fine of \$50, to be divided one-half to the owner and one-half to the state.

The same flat fine, with the same division, would be imposed for possible damage to fences or property in addition to restitution of damage effected. State police, game inspectors and forest rangers would be empowered and directed to arrest all offenders in the name of the state.

Another radical amendment would permit landowners to sell the male pheasants and their lands under such restrictions and reservations as may be established by the Conservation Commission. This, it is believed, would furnish a financial inducement to the farmers to protect the game on their lands and to refrain from killing the hen pheasants or permitting any one else to do so.

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Navy May Meet Army In Dual Track Meet

ANNAPOLIS, March 7.—By the arrangement of a match against Carnegie Tech for May 21 and the substitution of Boston College for Harvard, which has abandoned its proposed Southern trip on April 23, Manager Cook of the Naval Academy field and track team has completed his schedule of local matches.

The other matches are the University of Virginia on May 7 and the University of Pennsylvania relay games. An effort is being made to bring the teams of the Naval and Military academies together on May 28, the date of the service baseball game.

Braves Start Spring Drill

GALVESTON, Tex., March 7.—The spring training season of the Boston Braves opened here this afternoon when manager Mitchell's battery met assembled for their initial warm-up. Mitchell, accompanied by pitchers C. Morgan, J. W. Cooney, Hugh McQuillan and first baseman George O'Neill, arrived this morning.

Brooklyn College Five Beaten

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 7.—Hillman, of St. Joseph, Mo., defeated Brooklyn College, of Brooklyn, N. Y., 35 to 17, in the opening game of the National A. U. basketball championship tournament here this afternoon. Play was slow with many fouls.

Dave Bancroft Reaches Camp In Poor Shape

'Goldie' Makes Pronounced His in His First Work-Out and Is Placed on Third

By Charles A. Taylor

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 7.—Joseph ("Goldie") Rapp, of Cincinnati, made his first appearance in a Giant uniform to-day, and his presence seemed to inspire the New York McGraws to their best. Rapp, at the McGraws' desire to outdo their best previous efforts both with the bat and in fielding. Never was a newcomer subjected to such a critical analysis, and Rapp, who reached here this morning, said that never did a new wayfarer in the big league paths acquit himself more nobly.

"Goldie" Rapp is a ball player from the word go. He can field, he can hit and he certainly can skip around the bases at a high rate of speed when the occasion demands. One would think to watch this fellow on his first day out that he had been playing baseball all winter.

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The heart was acting better of late, he said, but his stomach was still in pretty bad shape. He has been on a diet of milk and magnesia, and every time that he eats the diet and attempts to eat solid food he is seized with attacks of vertigo and dizziness. Bancroft put on a uniform in the afternoon and had a little batting practice, but did no fielding.

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Yanigans Beat Regulars

The first game between the Regulars and the Yanigans was played this afternoon at the Country Club course, and a half inning by a score of 4 to 2. Voigt and Garton pitched for the regulars, while Benton and Virgil Barnes performed on the mound for the Yanigans.

The outstanding feature of the contest was the home run pounded out by Lee King, of the winning nine. King came up in the third frame with two men out and two runners on the bases. He met a fast straight one right on the label and drove the ball to left field with such terrific force that it plowed through the reliable George Burns and rolled merrily on to the fence.

The two teams lined up as follows: Regulars—Burns, left field; Kauff, center field; Frisch, second base; Young, right field; Kelly, first base; Rapp, third base; Hunter, shortstop; Snyder, catcher; Voigt and Garton, pitchers.

Yanigans—Monroe, second base; Spencer, left field; Walker, center field; King, right field; Griggs, first base; Hoss, third base; Burkett, shortstop; Grene, catcher; Benton and Barnes, pitchers.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
Regulars	1	0	4
Yanigans	1	0	0

Rapp is one of those batters who switch about according to the species of pitcher they are facing. He bats left-handed against right-handed twirlers and right-handed against the south-

One thing that hasn't changed a bit

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